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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, June 2.

His Excellency the Governor is setting himself anew to the organization of a volunteer corps and is said to be engaged in drafting measures for that purpose. H. E. Senhor Rodas may lay claim to a rare virtue. Reliable hearsay has it that far from being dismayed at the cool oversight which has, so far, been vouchsafed his elaborate schemes of reform by our ministerial historians, our worthy Governor who was raised to the substantive rank of A. D. C. to H. M. the King in token of his daring feats in the Cuamata campaign of 1907, has availed of privileges inherent in his status to address himself direct to His Majesty Dom Manuel II.

Dr. Barbosa de Lemos, the solicitor and master of Philosophy at the Lyceum Nacional, of which he was ex-rector, has been gazetted leave of absence by the Medical Board and is leaving by the trans-Siberian route for home on the 15th inst.

A genial personality has turned up unexpectedly in the person of Dr. Carlos Leitao, Protector of the Chinese, who went home six months ago on sick leave. His return will be particularly gratifying to the Chinese community as his locum tenens, O. P. Marques, has not been very popular with the latter during his brief tenure of office.

Our native townfolk have been regaling our nerves during the last three nights with a series of discordant effusions from tom-tom, lute and cymbal attuned to the jarring din of fire-crackers, as a huge dragon over 100 feet in length was being paraded, in glimmering sinuities, on the shoulders of forty human bipeds along thoroughfare and bylane all over the city in torchlight display. Scared by the prevalence of plague in certain quarters the Chinese were striving to propitiate their wrathful deities.

At the approach of the legendary monster whole households turned out on the pavements to kowtow and kindle votive sticks. From sundown till past midnight the place reeked with the fumes of powder and gun-rocks.

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Baldwin	cruiser, 1st class	7700	—	—	Capt. E. S. Knab	Nagasaki
Bambool	river gunboat	710	3	900	Com. Hon. K. O. B. Bridgman	Hongkong
Bellahart	river gunboat	710	3	900	Lieut.-Comdr. E. B. Noble	Hongkong
Cadmus	steep	1070	8	1400	Comdr. E. L. F. Ward	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	380	—	300	—	Hongkong
Clio	steep	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. T. Borred	Chinghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	3700	Lieut.-Comdr. Greenon	Hongkong
Fane	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. R. Maynes	Shanghai
Fancy	torpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. H. J. D. Gay	Hongkong
Fart	torpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. Diskins	Hongkong
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Felix	cruiser, 1st class	6000	14	30,000	Capt. G. L. Marescaux	Wanhsien
Fing Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Clinton Davis	Nagasaki
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Calcutta	cleopse	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Ed-Ed. P. Heard	Hongkong
Chatham	water boat and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Olio	cleopse	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. T. Borrett	Hongkong
Fane	turpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6700	Lieut.-Comdr. Greenway	Hongkong
Flores	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. R. Noyce	Hongkong
Gandy	turpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. R. J. D. Gay	Hongkong
Hart	turpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Dickson	Nagasaki
Jama	turpedo boat destroyer	980	6	3200	Lieut.-Comdr. Freemantle	Hongkong
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	8000	14	22,000	Capt. G. La Marecotte	Nagasaki
King Alfred	cruiser, 2nd class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Chisholm	Yokohama
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Robin	river gunboat	85	2	880	Lt.-Comr. Threlkeld	Yangon
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Tahn	turpedo boat destroye	360	6	6500	Commandore H. Lyon	Hongkong
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Minmouth	cruiser, 1st class	890	6	800	Capt. Geo. W. Smith	Wakatsuki
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Nightingal	river gunboat	35	6	240	Lieut.-Com. Roy	Yokohama
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Tobis	torpedo boat destroyer	85	6	360	Lt. Comdr. W. Whitte	West River
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Thistle	river gunboat	328	6	430	Lieut.-Comdr. M. J. Spear	Yokohama
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	680	6	4,800	Comdr. Stevenson	Japan
Waterwitch	surveying ship	190	6	800	Comdr. H. P. Douglas	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	390	6	3,900	Lieut.-Com. J. Kiddle	Yokohama
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Thistle	river gunboat	358	6	4300	Comdr. Swenson	Yamen
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	625	—	450	Comdr. H. P. Douglas	Yangtze
Waterwitch	surveying ship	390	6	800	Lieut-Com. J. Kiddle	Yangtze
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	390	6	800	Lieut-Com. J. P. Kiser	Upper Yangtze
Widgeon	river gunboat	395	2	900	Lieut-Com. Cottrell-Dornan	Upper Yangtze
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Achéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon
	French cruiser	3450	23	5100	Capt. Delzon	Saigon
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Alouette	508	7	100	Comdr. L'Estrade	Saligon
Argus	180	6	170	Lieut. d'Estienne	Shanghai
Brazil	4210	16	8300	Comdr. Rochas	Saligon
Coronado	150	—	—	—	Saligon
Comete	590	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saligon
Comete	645	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Saligon
D'Estrombeaux	11,243	28	13,500	Capt. Thibault	Saligon
Eclat	141	—	—	—	Saligon
Esturgeon	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saligon
Foudre	350	7	505	—	Saligon
Henri Riviere	—	—	—	—	Hainan
Jacquie	200	6	308	—	Saligon
Lila	500	—	—	—	Saligon
Libri	—	10	9000	Lieut. Marrs	Saligon
	—	—	—	Comdr. Raquet de la Touche	Saligon

Manche	French surveying ship	335	1		Lieut. de la Roche Caradran	Saigo
Mosquet	French destroyer	307	6	300		Upper Yangon
Oie	French gunboat				Lieut. de Mainville	Manila
Orif	French gunboat	130			Lieut. Pouch	Manila
Pablo	French gunboat	350	7	300	Comdr. Montanot	Manila
Rebatat	French torpedo boat				Lieut. Morris	Saigon
Recluse	French sub-marine	943	8	607	Capt. Drouot	Saigon
Remontable	French battleship (reserve)	1937	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon
Suez	French gunboat					Yangon
Tahang	French gunboat					Saigon
Ton	French destroyer	250	8			Manila
Yanbar	French torpedo depot					Manila
Yatsun	French torpedo depot	123	2	500	Lieut. Bihel	Cap St. Jago
					Lieut. Biscail	Saigon

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Vietnam	German	—	500	Eleut. Kitcher	Changsheng
Vietnam	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Changsheng
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Patric	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	Captain Jayme Affreixo	Changsheng
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U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	400	8000	Ensign David Eyles	David
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Chattanooga	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	4815	7	8000	Reut. Frank Miller	Shanghai
Chesapeake	U. S. cruiser	5213	19	7600	Comdr. S. H. Dumas	Shanghai
Chickadee	U. S. cruiser	13,500	—	5775	Comdr. H. B. Stannum	Oranien
Colorado	U. S. gunboat	1710	—	—	Comdr. J. H. Sears	Shanghai
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Delaware	U. S. cruiser	3100	14	14000	Comdr. C. Johnson	Shanghai
Des Moines	U. S. cruiser	3100	14	14000	Comdr. W. W. Bushness	Hankow
Des Moines	U. S. gunboat	12,000	6	3000	Capt. C. Thomas	Canton
Florida	U. S. cruiser	4900	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Miller	Canton
Florida	U. S. monitor	4900	—	—	Lieut. D. W. Todd	Canton
Florida	U. S. monitor	4900	—	—	—	Canton

Monterey	U. S. gunboat	13,500			Comdr. A. Ward	Manila
Peaoher	U. S. cruiser	13,500			Capt. H. P. Percell	Yangko
Pennsylvania	U. S. gunboat				Comdr. K. E. Wright	Japan
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SATURDAY, June 5.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 2, Fodders Hill.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of High-class Irish

Household Linen, &c., at Mr. Geo. F.

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9.15 p.m.—Open Air Concert at the

Craigengower Cricket Club's Ground.

Goods per *Fookang* undelivered after

4 p.m. this date will be landed.

TUESDAY, June 8.

Goods per *Mongolia* undelivered at Noon

on this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 9.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

"HANDMAIDS OF THE GODS."

READERS of Mrs. FLORA ANNIE STEEL'S

Indian novels have often made

acquaintance with the Devadasis, or

sacred dancing girls, attached to

THE CHINA MAIL

No matter how much the British rulers

might disapprove they could take no

step towards remedying the evil.

Reverent Hindus, however, have

gradually been brought to see how

great a scandal the Devadasis had

created, and quite an agitation for their

suppression has grown up in many

quarters. The British Government,

while approving of this, could not

interfere, and it was left to the

Government of a Native State to again

furnish proof that it is possible for

such a government to tread boldly on

ground where the British authorities

cannot even project so much as their

shadow. The particular native state

now in question is that of Mysore,

in Southern India, one of whose reigning

Princes recently passed through Hong-

kong on his way to Japan. It seems

that as far back as February,

1899, the Government of Mysore

moved thereto by many pious Hindus

who wished to see their religious cere-

monies purified from the many degrad-

ing accretions which the centuries have

gradually bound upon them, issued a

circular order describing the legitimate

services to be performed in temples by

Devadasis. In 1899 the Muzrai Super-

intendent, RAJ BHADUR A. CHAKRA,

directed that the dancing girls borne on

the Nanjangud temple establishment

should not be allowed to perform *tafa*,

or dancing, service in the temple, but

that the allowances payable to them

should be continued for their life-time,

and that at their death the vacancies

should not be filled up. Against this

order the dancing girls concerned

remonstrated. H. H. the Maharajah.

This was in 1905, and the order dispos-

ing of their objections has only just

been issued. In the course of the latter

the Government say:—

"From the Shastric authorities quoted

by the two Agamiks employed in the

Muzrai Secretariat, it is observed that

the services to be performed by Deva-

dasis (female servants of the god) form

part and parcel of the worship of the

god in Hindu temples and that singing

and dancing in the presence of the

deity are also prescribed. It is, how-

ever, observed that in the case of

Devadasis personal purity and rectitude

of conduct and a vow of celibacy were

considered essential. But the high

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A total eclipse of the moon takes place

to-morrow and will be visible at Hongkong

as sunrise.

The Ex-Sultan of Turkey will probably

be interned at Rhodes. His chief eunuch

has been condemned to death as a re-

fractory.

Prince Jassu, heir to the Abyssinian

throne, has been married to Princess

Romania, niece of the Empress, aged seven.

The alliance unites two dynasties and the

families of four powerful Chiefs.

O. M. Daniels, champion swimmer of

the world, is engaged to be married to

Mrs G. F. Wagner, daughter of the late

F. H. Goodyear, of Buffalo, U. S. A.,

whose estate is valued at several millions

of dollars.

"The English in China," is published

by Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons. The author,

Mr. J. Brunley James, sometime Professor

of Law in the Imperial Tientsin Uni-

versity, traces the history of our relations

with the Chinese down to 1904, and in a

rapid survey summarizes the leading facts

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice

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The following announcements will

probably be of interest to a good many old

friends in the East:—On July 13 Mr

H. M. S. Man, of the Chartered Bank,

Hamburg, and formerly stationed at

Hongkong, Manila, and Saigon, will be

married to Miss Nora Loock, of Hamburg,

On August 28 Mr A. Murray Gibson, also

of the Chartered Bank, Hamburg, will be

married to Bournemouth to Miss Nicola

A. L. Eubanson, of Aston Lodge, Surrey-

road, Bournemouth.

Intelligence received from an official

quarter in Washington points to the

conclusion at an early date of a special

agreement to regulate trade relations be-

tween Formosa and the neighbouring

islands with the Philippines. Correspond-

ence on the subject has been proceeding

for some time between the American and

Japanese Governments, and President Taft,

who acquired much local knowledge during

his Far Eastern tour, nearly three years

ago, is understood to be strongly in favour

of the conclusion of such an agreement as

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 31st MAY

was delivered in London on the 31st.

Dr and Mrs Gladstone have passed

through to-day on their way to Shanghai

per s.s. Simla.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas,

has been making a Washington journalist

with his fist.

There arrived at Hongkong to-day 101

Chinese deportees from the Dutch Indies

and 23 from Singapore.

Two more cases of plague, both Chin-

ese, have been notified. In both cases

the patients have died.

The estate of Mr H. H. Rogers, the

old king, who died of apoplexy the other

day, is shown in his will to exceed

\$100,000,000.

The Amir, it is reported, has appointed

Sardar Inayat Ullah Khan, the heir

apparent, to be Commander-in-Chief of the

whole Afghan army.

The Ocean Steamship line, like the P.

and O., has arranged for its boats to call at

Port Swettenham on the Homeward voyage

and carry rubber at a reduced freight.

A cablegram has been received saying

that the Rev. F. B. Meyer, the famous pro-

phet and evangelist, will arrive in Hong-

kong on the 10th of June, and will be here

for ten days.

The London Gazette contains the an-

nouncement that the King's birthday will

be celebrated in London and at all Home

stations on Friday, June 25. At all other

stations a Majesty's birthday will be

celebrated on Tuesday, November 9.

A fire broke out in a Chinese temple

situated in Queen's Road East this morning.

Apparently it was caused by amouling

joss-sticks igniting the wood-work. The

whole interior of the place was burnt out,

and a number of wooden images destroyed.

The International Cotton Congress at

Milan has adopted the motion of Mr Dixon,

of England, to ask the International Com-

mittee to prepare regulations to promote

mutual Cotton Mill Fire Insurance Com-

panies in the various countries affiliated to

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